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Ms. Marlene Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20554

Re: <u>Docket numbers 01-338, 96-98 and 98-147</u>

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On July 9, 2004 Susan Davis and Praveen Goyal, Covad Communications Company, and Eddie Ayoob met with Commissioner Adelstein and Scott Bergmann regarding the above-referenced dockets. During the meeting they discussed the need for Commission action to preserve access to line sharing beyond the October 2, 2004 date established by the Commission's line sharing transition rules. Covad urged the Commission to act expeditiously to grant either the Earthlink Petition for Reconsideration or the CHOICE Coalition Petition for Stay of the Commission's decision to phase-out line sharing. Covad also urged the Commission to ensure that, while it took such action, carriers and consumers relying on line sharing would not be cut-off from obtaining new line shared lines under the Commission's looming October 2 deadline.

Respectfully submitted,

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